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Welfare Schemes for Handloom Weavers
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of welfare schemes being implemented by the Government for handloom weavers at present in the country; and

(b) the details of funds allocated, released and utilized for welfare of handloom weavers during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise and scheme-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a): Government of India has been implementing Handloom Weavers Comprehensive Welfare Scheme (HWCWS) for Handloom Weavers with the following two components:

(i) Mahatma Gandhi Bunkar Bima Yojana (MGBBY):
The basic objective of Mahatma Gandhi Bunkar Bima Yojana is to provide insurance cover to the handloom weavers in the case of natural death (Rs.60,000/-), accidental death (Rs.1,50,000/-), total disability (Rs.1,50,000/-) and partial disability (Rs.75,000/-).

In addition to above, a scholarship of Rs.300/- per quarter per child is available to students studying in IX to XII standard for a maximum period of four years or till they complete XII standard, whichever event occurs earlier. The benefit is restricted to two children of the member covered.

(ii) Health Insurance Scheme(HIS):
In 12th Five Year Plan, the Government approved implementation of Health Insurance Scheme (HIS) on Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY) pattern of Ministry of Labour & Employment (MoLE). RSBY has been transferred to Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoH&FW) w.e.f. 1st April 2015. Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has issued detail instructions on 29th March,2016 for coverage of handloom weavers in RSBY for 2016-17 in the existing pattern of RSBY i.e. Indoor Patient (I.P.) benefits of Rs.30,000/-.

(b): State wise funds are not allocated/released under these Schemes. Funds allocated/released on whole country basis, funds released & utilized under both the components during the last three year and current year is given as under:-
(Rs. in crores)

Year	HIS		MGBBY	
	Fund released	Fund Utilized	Fund released	Fund Utilized
2013-14	49.21	49.21	16.63	16.63
2014-15	25.87	25.87	16.39	16.39
2015-16	01.94	01.94	16.67	16.67
2016-17	6.63	06.63	-	-

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